Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Job Posting

Job Title: Kinoomaagejik Project Instructor, Fluent Anishinaabemowin Speaker

Department Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

Reports to: Language Department Director

FLSA Status: Exempt

Salary Range: \$51,814 - \$68,966

Notes: 3-Year Grant Project Position

Level: 7

Open: August 28, 2015 Closes: September 18, 2015

SUMMARY

The Project Instructor will train and mentor community members to become language teachers. The Project Instructor will deliver Anishinaabe language instruction to increase fluency of a small group of five teacher-trainees. The Project Instructor will provide instruction of effective teaching methods to trainees. The Project Instructor will teach adult immersion classes. The Project Instructor will work with a team and assist the Gijigowi Language Department in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the 3-year project.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide effective instruction using immersion teaching methods and reinforce successful language acquisition of teacher-trainees.
- Work with the project team to provide teacher education training to teacher-trainees.
- Mentor trainees to become effective language teachers.
- Work with the project team to provide instruction to teacher-trainees to develop, test, evaluate and adapt curricular materials.
- Perform formal and informal assessments of trainee progress.
- Work directly with Tribal Elders as consultants of Odawa dialect, research and document Odawa language.
- Create, promote and maintain a supportive and nurturing learning environment.
- Document project data for evaluation and reporting requirements.
- Appropriately incorporate Anishinaabe culture within program activities.
- Collaborate with Language Department staff in planning, development and implementation of community activities.

- Ability to work as part of a team, willingness to be guided, mentored and trained, attend workshops or conferences as required.
- Maintain cooperative relationships with LTBB departments and enterprises, outside organizations, and other language programs.
- Ability to work flexible schedule to accommodate evening classes and occasional weekend activities.
- Other related duties as assigned.

COMPETENCIES

Individual should possess the following: capacity to fluently speak Anishinaabemowin; ability to successfully transmit language to trainees to increase their speaking skills; possess literacy using double-vowel system for reading and writing; show understanding, respect and value of Odawa culture; establish good rapport with elders, trainees and community; possess positive and outgoing interpersonal skills; and basic computer skills.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Demonstrated ability as a fluent Anishinaabemowin speaker with living knowledge of the Anishinaabe Culture. A minimum of two years' experience in teaching Anishinaabe language. Teacher certification and/or college degree is preferred.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Must possess valid driver's license, be insurable, and have reliable transportation at all times.

COMMENTS

3-Year Kinoomaagejik Project funded by Administration for Native Americans. Indian preference will apply. Individual must be able to pass a criminal background investigation.